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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is responsive to communications filed on February 27th, 2008.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raverdy et al. (US 2002/0069419), in view of Garrity et al. (US 6,745,237).

3. With regard to claims 1 and 7 Raverdy et al. discloses an event program distribution system (**paragraph [0003] “streaming video information to a user device”**), comprising:

an event gathering system connected to the network (**paragraph [0008] “Local area network (LAN), an event server”**);

a plurality of program receiving sites connected to the network (**Fig. 7 reference numerals 114(a) and 114(b)**) for transmitting a request message to the network (**paragraph [0030] “system user may also request individual video-on-demand services”**), each of said receiving sites having a screen whose size is sufficient to be

viewed by public audience (**Fig. 10 reference numeral 1032 and paragraph [0039]**
“display preferably may include any effective type of display”);

a server connected to the network (**paragraphs [0009] “base station may preferably be coupled to the LAN”**) for responding to said request message with a blank- application form (**paragraphs [0040] “may preferably include any effective means to remotely communicate with an external entity such as LAN or Internet, to thereby exchange relevant information”**]) via the network, said application form containing at least one scheduled event program and a scheduled date and a time scale of the program, the time scale indicating opening and closing times of day of the event program (**paragraphs [0053] “access rights module may preferably receive one or more time-stamped access capabilities for various services” and paragraph [0055] “channel module”**);

receiving an event program from the event gathering system if the scheduled date and opening time of day of the program are detected, and for distributing the received event program to one or more program receiving sites (**paragraphs [0055] “channel module may determine which program channels and program sources are currently available.. may also set up specific connection information between event server and user device”**), which are mapped to the event program until the scheduled closing time of day of the program is detected (**paragraph [0058] “associated with one or more time-stamped access capabilities” indicating access to event only from start to scheduled closing time**).

Raverdy et al does not specifically disclose that the said program receiving sites being responsive to said blank application form by returning a filled-in application form to the server via the network, said filled-in application form requesting registration of the one of said program receiving sites returning said filled-in application form for at least one said scheduled event program and containing said scheduled date and said time scale of the requested scheduled event program; said server being responsive to said filled-in application form and registering the one of said program receiving sites in said filled-in application form for the at least one said scheduled event program by mapping the one said program receiving site to the requested scheduled event program in a memory, monitoring the memory for detecting the date and time scales of each event program.

Garrrity et al. discloses in Column 7 Lines 9-22, **"Additionally, server 400 provides content consumers, user client 416 and user client 418, access to content provided by client PCs establishing communications links to server 400. Authorized content consumers are verified by user server 400 who queries to customer account profiles database 424. Authorized content consumers are registered for content, which is advertised. An "order" is embodied as a user subscription that is saved in customer subscriptions delivery status database 426 as a result of the order. A variety of authorization scenarios, such as, for example, credit card validation, 900 number account activation, and e-mail reply with key known to those skilled in the art may be employed. User account profile also is maintained in customer profile database 424"** and Column 9 Lines 20-32,

“With reference again to step 612, if the user interaction with the GUI is not to remove an event, a determination is then made as to whether the user has decided to add an event (step 620). If the user has decided to add an event, a default maintain entry window with null entry fields is selected (step 622), and displayed to the user (step 624). Thereafter, input from the user is received specifying details of the event (step 626). These details include whether the event is livel staged, staged source file (nowflater), multiple transmissions, content type, duration, bandwidth requirements, recipient scope, billing criteria (i.e., credit card, 900 number, free), and encryption. The content type also may specify whether a content consumer can record the content.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to utilize Garrity et al’s method of ordering content through the use of a GUI presenting a form with null entry fields that can be filled out and returned by a user, with Raverdy’s system for streaming video information. Raverdy teaches the necessity to exchange relevant information in order to set up video access, and Garrity teaches a specific method of exchanging this relevant information.

4. With regard to claim 2, Raverdy et al. discloses the event program distribution system of claim 1, wherein said event program is distributed on a real-time basis (paragraph [0013] “preferably produced in real time”).

5. With regard to claims 3, 4, and 5, Raverdy et al. discloses all the limitations of claim 1 and locations that are receiving sites.

Raverdy does not, however, specifically disclose that the said receiving sites are to include a game center, movie theater or karaoke hall.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art that a game center, movie theater or karaoke hall is a type of receiving site and Raverdy teaches utilizing types of receiving sites and locations. It would be obvious for one to include these specific types of receiving sites because they are examples of the disclosed inventions embodiments.

6. With regard to claim 6, Raverdy et al. discloses the event program distribution system of claim 1, wherein said program receiving sites establish a two-way speech path to said event gathering system **(paragraph [0043] “user device may also utilize I/O interface(s) to bi-directionally communicate with a host computer”)**.

7. With regard to claim 8, Raverdy et al. discloses the method of claim 7, wherein said event program is distributed on a real-time basis **(paragraph [0013] “preferably produced in real time”)**.

8. With regard to claim 9, Raverdy et al. discloses the method of claim 7, wherein said program receiving sites establish a two-way speech path to said event gathering

system (**paragraph [0043]** “user device may also utilize I/O interface(s) to bi-directionally communicate with a host computer”).

9. With regard to claim 10, Raverdy et al. discloses a computer readable storage medium embodying a program for executing the steps of claim 7 (**paragraph [0044]** “one or more removable storage media interfaces may preferably be utilized”).

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FARHAD ALI whose telephone number is (571)270-1920. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 7:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey C. Pwu can be reached on (571) 272-6798. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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